

(d) and (e) RBI keeps continual watch on the maintenance of CRR and SLR requirements by banks. In case of default, penal interest is charged from the defaulting banks depending on the duration of default.

[*Translation*]

Chit Fund Companies

7025. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functioning of the Chit Fund Companies has been reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount deposited by the public in these companies at present;

(d) whether any cases of embezzlement and irregularities have been brought to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check such irregularities and ensure the safety of public money deposited in these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that total deposits of the reporting Chit Fund Companies aggregated to Rs. 876 crores as on 31-3-90, out of which only Rs. 1 crore were public deposits.

(d) RBI have further reported that cases of irregularities in regard to the public depos-

its held with such companies are rare and no such case has come to their notice during the last three years.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Export Incentives to Big Business Houses

7026. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study made by the Institute for Studies in Industrial development (ISID) the export incentives extended to big business houses have turned them into traders instead of making them more competitive;

(b) whether the Government have studied the said report; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. ISID has so stated in their report. However, it may be stated that under the existing Import & Export Policy, there is no stipulation to the effect that one can export goods of ones own manufacture only. However, in terms of new trade policy announced recently, imports have been linked with the exports in the case of large scale and PMP Units. Large Scale Units will no longer be eligible for the grant of special licences for the import of their requirements of raw materials, components and consumables etc. Similarly, PMP Units will not be eligible for import of their requirements of OGL items of